WCHS boys

Continued from page **1B**

The Pioneers played their best in the third quarter, when a smothering defense held the Bees to just 10 points. Warren County countered with 3-pointers from Espinoza, Tyree Ladet and Isaiah Grayson, along with two strong takes by Sloan Seymour to the rim. The spurt helped Warren County slice the Upperman advantage to 47-36 by the start of the fourth quarter.

Rush made sure the Pioneers wouldn't get any closer.

The freshman post set up shop in the Pioneer defensive interior, and got all the looks he needed to do damage. Warren County struggled to stop Rush in the paint, or when he extended his range away from the basket. With Rush catching fire, Upperman quickly silenced any notion of a comeback.

"They bested us in every phase of the game from the opening tip to the final horn," said Sullens. "I'm concerned that it didn't bother us enough. We'll do a better job of coaching them."

Warren County was led by Caleb Newby's 11 points. Ladet finished with 10, while Espinoza added nine.

The Pioneers will have to regroup quickly. Warren County begins District 6-AAA play Tuesday at Stone Memorial, one of eight games Sullens says, "will help decide the postseason fate of his squad."

Warren County is set to tip off against the 8-8 Panthers at 7:30 p.m.



Jacob Dodd photo Caleb Newby scored a team-high 11 points for the Pioneers in their 73-45 loss at Upperman.



WCHS girls

Continued from page **1B**

Tyra Wright led the Lady Pioneers with 11 points, most coming in the first half when Warren County hung tough with the defending AA state champions. Wright, who traditionally plays on the block, stepped out and buried a 3-pointer just before halftime to keep the Lady Pioneers in contention. Levy ended any chance of a comeback quickly in the second half. Reagan Hurst (16 points) and Torie Brooks (12 points, four 3-pointers) also helped Upperman win their 17th straight.

Warren County will start district play Tuesday on the road against Stone Memorial. The Lady Pioneers will face the 13-3 Lady Panthers at 6 p.m.



Jacob Dodd photo Grace Rains scored five points in Friday's loss at Upperman.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JAN. 8

Covenant at Lancaster Christian, 5 p.m. WCHS JV vs. Stone Memorial, 6 p.m. WCMS basketball at Harris, 6 p.m. 5-6 grade elementary games at West, Boyd, Morrison, Centertown and Irving College

TUESDAY, JAN. 9

All-county team vs. White County, 6 p.m. Boyd vs. Riverside Christian, 6 p.m. Covenant vs. Providence Christian, 6 p.m. WCHS at Stone Memorial, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 11

Covenant at Franklin Christian, 4 p.m. All-county team vs. Prescott, 6 p.m. WCHS freshmen at Upperman, 6 p.m. WCMS basketball vs. Franklin South, 6 p.m. 5-6 grade elementary games at West, Dibrell, Boyd, Morrison and Bobby Ray

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

Boyd girls vs. Webb, 5 p.m. Boyd boys vs. Currey Ingram, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13 WCHS basketball vs. Shelbyville, 4 p.m. Covenant at Boyd, 6 p.m. WCHS freshmen boys at Watertown, TBA

Jackson announces WCHS soccer team

Matt Jackson is wasting little time getting the WCHS boys soccer team together. In his first action as the new Pioneer coach, Jackson announced his roster this week.

Jackson, who has previously coached the high school squad but has led WCMS to five straight conference titles in the last five years, picked 34 players to comprise his first team.

Seniors include Freddy Franco, James Jackson, Etson Mendez, Braylen Kirby and Richard Gonzalez.

The junior class features Wesley Pepper, Jordan Ruiz, Ben Clark, Rob Phillips, Josh Macanus, Jax McBride, Alex Pullon and Ethan Cowan.

Underclassmen include sophomores Josiah Jackson, Jay Rozier, Edgar Lopez, David Castro, Brayden Chisam, Jerry Mrema, Jake Toney, Julian Villegas, Angel Zarate and FD de Santiago and freshmen John Jackson, Marvin Franco, Kade Simpson, Ethan Thomas, Dominique Betancourt, Ayden Guevara, Jahier Martinez, Carter Smith, Tony Curtis, Daniel Cruz and Cullen Lopez.

Coach Jackson welcomes all players on the roster to attend conditioning, which wil be every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday until Feb. 12.

A final tryout will be held Monday, Feb. 12 from 3-5 p.m.



